

[12th March 1923]

*Report of Messrs. Strathie and Shanmukham Chettiyar on Excise policy.*

861 Q.—Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Excise) be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the report of Messrs. Strathie and Shanmukham Chettiyar on the Excise policy and passed orders thereon ;

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to lay the papers on the table ; and

(c) whether the Government propose to undertake any legislation as regards the Excise policy to be pursued in the Presidency ; and, if so, in what stage the question is now ?

A.—(a) The papers have been placed before the Excise Advisory Committee ; final orders have not been passed.

(b) The papers will be laid on the table.\*

(c) The Government await the final advice of the Excise Advisory Committee after their enquiry.

*Reduction in the number of Executive Council Members.*

862 Q.—Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the resolution of the Legislative Council regarding the reduction in the number of Executive Councillors was communicated to the Rt. hon. the Secretary of State ;

(b) if so, whether any reply has been received ; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to lay all the correspondence on the table ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No final reply has been received. It is understood that the question is under examination.

(c) The Government are unable to lay the correspondence on the table.

*The revision of the list of transferred subjects.*

863 Q.—Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any recommendation has been made by the Local Government within the last two years for the revision of the list of transferred subjects either to the Government of India or to the Secretary of State ;

(b) if so, whether any reply has been received ; and

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to lay the correspondence on the table ?

A.—No such recommendation has been made.